

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE RESOURCE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

August 4, 2003

Ken Lee Building Conference Room
430 "F" Street

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Chair Teresa Thomas at 6:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL/MOTION TO EXCUSE

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Teresa Thomas, Vice-Chair Doug Reid, Commissioners Stanley Jasek, John Chávez, Pamela Bensoussan and Juan Diaz (6:15)

STAFF PRESENT: Marilyn Pongeggi, Environmental Review Coordinator
Duane Bazzel, Principal Planner
Dai Hoang, Planning Technician II
Linda Bond, Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 16, 2003

Commissioner Chávez recalled talking about a workshop with Engineering regarding traffic. He would like to see that happen.

MSC (Reid/Chávez) to approve the minutes of June 16, 2003 as submitted.

Vote: (5-0-0-1) with Diaz absent.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Greenbelt Master Plan

Mr. Duane Bazzel (*Principal Planner*) gave an overview of the Greenbelt Master Plan.

Commission Comments

Commissioner Bensoussan asked if the Rohr Manor house and adobe were being looked at. Mr. Bazzel stated that the Greenbelt Master Plan does not address that. He recommended that Commissioner Bensoussan contact the Recreation Department and stated that there may be a citizen advisory committee being formed with regard to that.

Vice-Chair Reid noted that the Plan states that the trails extend from I-5 to I-805. He thought they were being constructed west of I-5. Mr. Bazzel stated that what is being constructed right now is the Bayshore Bikeway, including a bridge on the west side of I-5. The trail runs all the way to "E" Street. When the Mid-Bayfront plan gets approved, the trail system will go within that project.

Chair Thomas referred to the MSCP paragraph on page 16 of the Plan. The word 'draft' needs to come out and the paragraph needs to be updated. She asked that the word 'habitats' be added to the end of Goal 2 on page 17. Chair Thomas handed out a list of policies that she requested be added to the Plan. Staff and the Commissioners discussed her suggestions at length.

MSC (Bensoussan/Reid) to recommend adoption of the Greenbelt Master Plan with inclusion of the following policies in the appropriate locations in the document:

1. Policy: Chula Vista City Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP) and other mitigation agreements for general and specific plans and projects shall take priority over the Greenbelt trails applications.
2. Policy: Recommend impervious trails not be applied in areas of floodplain, potential for flooding, watershed or areas that may lead to the contamination of needed resources or threaten the sustainability, quality and environmental health of the resources of our City, community or region.
3. Policy: The precise number and location or type of future staging or educational areas will be determined as opportunities and funding becomes available. There are three examples of staging areas discussed in this plan.

Update the MSCP paragraph on page 16.

Add the following to the end of Goal 2.0 on page 17: "..., and habitats as well as Bio Resources wherever appropriate."

Vote: (6-0-0-0)

2. Election of Officers

MSC (Diaz/Chávez) to nominate Terry Thomas as Chair and Doug Reid as Vice-Chair. **Vote:** (4-0-2-0) with Thomas and Reid abstaining.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW COORDINATOR COMMENTS: None.

CHAIR COMMENTS: None.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Vice-Chair Reid passed around pictures of historic signage in Tucson, AZ as an example of what other cities are doing. Commissioner Bensoussan liked how they were very permanent and stated that the City has a high maintenance issue with its signage. Something should be recommended that is more lasting and permanent.

Commissioner Chávez requested that the Environmental Review Coordinator and staff conduct a workshop on traffic. Ms. Pongeggi stated that she had not moved forward with the workshop because Traffic Engineering is currently working on high priority assignments and that such a workshop could likely be conducted toward the fall or winter. Commissioner Chávez stated that, in his opinion, the CEQA process is, evidently, not adequate for addressing traffic. Ms. Pongeggi indicated that, perhaps what he would want is a presentation on the Growth Management Traffic Thresholds, which is part of the City's CEQA process.

Commissioner Chávez would like this item put on the next agenda so the RCC could discuss what would like to have addressed through the workshop.

Chair Thomas noted that the RCC still has one vacancy. Ms. Pongeggi stated that she has advised the City Clerk's office of that numerous times. Ms. Pongeggi announced that Commissioner Diaz would be back for four more years.

Chair Thomas requested pin-type nametags for the Commissioners. Ms. Pongeggi stated that staff would order them for whoever is interested.

Commissioner Bensoussan stated that the Historic Preservation Task Force had their final meeting. The Task Force recommended a framework for a comprehensive strategy for historic preservation that would include having the City designated as a Certified Local Government (CLG) whereby Chula Vista would have a separate Historic Site Board that would meet all the requirements of the State. The City would then be eligible for all the funding, grants and historic services the State offers to CLGs. Ms. Pongeggi indicated that, when the final document is ready, she would forward it to the Commissioners and the General Plan Update Project Manager.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m. to a special meeting on Monday, August 25, 2003, at 6:00 p.m. in the Ken Lee Building Conference Room, 430 "F" Street, Chula Vista, CA 91910.

Prepared by:

Linda Bond
Recording Secretary